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CASH CROP SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined whether the cash crop system in India willbe helpful or will adversely affect the agriculture in future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): While no specific study or examination has been made, the importance of cash crop system prevailing in India can not be over-emphasised. There are three major cash crops viz.; Cotton, Jute and Sugarcane and the cultivation and promotion of all thethree crops are essential for the economy of the country as well as from the point of view of farmers` income. Therefore, the cultivation of cash crops will not adversely affect the agriculture of the country.